THE FOURTH DAY.

16th February 1911.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met at 11 A. M. on Thursday, the 16th February.

The consideration of the General Subjects was resumed.

49. Establishment of Dispensaries at important stations in the High Range.

Mr. V. A. Parameswara Menon (Member, Cardamom Ryots) first expressed the gratitude and thankfulness of the Cardamom ryots to the Government for the constitution of the High Ranges into a Division, the extension of the Anchal line, and the establishment of a Hospital at Udumbanshola. He said that Santhapara, Vandanmettu and Udumbanshola were the three *pakuthies* which were largely inhabited by the Cardamom ryots. There were about 4,000 ryots in all, though the bulk of them were foreigners. The climate of the place was malarious, and the people also suffered much havoc from wild animals. There were now Dispensaries only at Udumbanshola and Devikulam, which, owing to distance, could not serve *all* the *pakuthies*. For, the distance from Santhapara to Devikulam was 17 miles, and to Udumbanshola it was 12 miles. Kumili, where a hospital had been sanctioned by the Government, was 18 miles from Vandanmettu. The Member therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to sanction the opening of two more Dispensaries—one at Santhapara and the other at Vandanmettu.

Dewan's reply.—The Member's request is noted for consideration.

50. Establishment of Asylums for incurables.

Mr. Narayanar Janardhanar (Member, Jenmies of the Trivandrum and Padmanabhapuram Divisions) said that large numbers of poor and destitute beggars—many of them suffering from loathsome, contagious and incurable diseases—frequented the public roads, especially on festival occasions when large crowds were present. Though the condition of the beggars excited the pity of the passers-by, yet the former were also a source of nuisance to the people, because of the loathsome diseases they suffered from. The Member therefore requested that the Government might consider the matter sympathetically and open a poor-house in every important town for the housing of

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